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State Board of Education Revises Strategic Plan

The New Jersey Board of Education today updated the strategic plan that serves as the blueprint to guide its efforts with the Department of Education to ensure that all children receive a quality public education that prepares them to succeed. Most of the changes approved today revise dates that establish when certain objectives should be completed.

"This board has taken on many important policy issues since the original *Strategic Plan for Systemic Improvement of Education in New Jersey* was adopted in 1995," said Maud Dahme, president of the State Board of Education. "Regulations needed for our Core Curriculum Content Standards, our school funding law, and our continuing education program touch every school district, every teacher and every pupil in the state, yet they represent a small part of the objectives we set to reach our goals."

Dahme noted that the current five-year *Strategic Plan* was adopted at the State Board's policy retreat in August 1999. At this year's summer retreat, the Commissioner and the State Board recommended revising the objectives and projected completion dates for objectives in the *Strategic Plan*.

The current strategic plan expires on November 2004. Between now and then, the State Board of Education will review the progress in achieving the strategic plan goals at its annual summer policy retreat.

Attached are the five strategic goals established by the State Board of Education. Text of the Strategic Plan for Systemic Improvement of Education in New Jersey can be found on the Department of Education's website:

www.state.nj.us/education